

Literature Circles Meeting Schedule:

**One day will be a reading day. The next day will be group discussion day.

Literature Circle Rules

Reading Days:

1. Read the assigned chapters.
2. Complete your journal work for those chapters.

**Failure to follow these rules will result in a lower grade. **

Discussion Days:

1. Come prepared for the discussion with your book and journal with all assignments completed.
2. Be an active participant in the discussion.
3. Listen actively and respond appropriately.
4. Stay on the subject and only discuss relevant topics. Answer questions before moving on to new topics.

Literature Circle Journal Assignment

Part I: Passages

- Please note any words, lines, or sections of the text that “stick out” for you. These passages might be important, puzzling, curious, provocative, dubious, or well written—whatever grabs your attention. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE PAGE # for the passages you select. You must select at least 2 to share with your group.

Part II: Reactions/Connections (Active Reading Notes)

- What were your feelings and responses to this text? Did it remind you of past experiences, people, or events in your life? Did it make you think of anything happening in the news, around school, in other stories or books you have read?

Part III: Writer’s Craft

- What did you notice about the author’s style, language (Vocabulary), point of view, literary devices, or structures she/he used to create the story? Be prepared to share at least 2-3 examples.

Part IV: Questions

- What questions came to mind while you were reading this text? Were there things you wondered about, doubted, or didn’t understand? What would you ask the author or the characters if you could talk to them?